

2012 DMH EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

Awards Event Scheduled for Oct. 18

The DMH HONORS Committee has announced six individuals and a team as the 2012 Employees of the Year. A record 120 employees took the time and effort to recognize the excellence of 326 fellow employees by nominating them in individual and team categories. The honorees, other nominees and nominators will be celebrated at an awards event hosted by DMH Director Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W., at the California Endowment on October 18.

The 2012 Employees of the Year are:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Honorees</u>	<u>Nominators</u>
PROMOTION OF WELLNESS & RECOVERY	<u>Irma Vallejos</u> , Community Worker, Northeast Wellness	Laura Span, Maria Aguilar, Linda Fazio and Mary Gonzalez-Veleta
DEDICATED SUPPORT SERVICES	<u>Jae Kim, LCSW</u> , Psychiatric Social Worker II, Older Adult Systems of Care	James Cunningham and Martha Alamillo
	<u>Elbiss Gerigourian</u> , Staff Assistant II, Child Welfare Division, Children's System of Care	Greg Lecklitner
DEDICATED DIRECT SERVICES	<u>David Loaiza</u> , Substance Abuse Counselor, Edelman Westside Mental Health Center and Wellness Center	Sherwood Brown
LEADERSHIP	<u>Angel Rendon, M.D.</u> , Mental Health Psychiatrist, Roybal Family Mental Health Center	Steven Hendrickson
CAREER ACHIEVEMENT	<u>Sandra D. Thomas, LCSW</u> , Deputy Director, Transition-Age Youth System Of Care Bureau	Terri Boykins, Elena Farias, Lori Willis, Yolanda Whittington, Karen Streich, and Jacquelyn Wilcoxen

**OUTSTANDING TEAM
WORK****Partners in Suicide Prevention
Team**

James Cunningham,
Urmi Patel, Terri Boykins
and Sam Chan

- Aileen Montoya (Older Adults Systems of Care)
- Anne Choe (Adult Systems of Care)
- Deborah Bielecki (Adult Systems of Care)
- Jae Kim (Older Adults Systems of Care)
- Martha Alamillo (Children's System of Care)
- Nelly Arias (Children's System of Care)
- Tasha McFashion-Stiger (Transition-Age Youth System Of Care)
- Terica Roberts (Transition-Age Youth System Of Care)
- Wilfred Paltanwala (Adult Systems of Care)
- William Barreto (Children's System of Care)

All honorees and their nominators were notified by personal communication of their status and participation in the Awards event. Other nominees and their nominators have also be informed about their participation in the event.

The DMH Employee of the Year program is designed for employees to honor their extraordinary colleagues. The HONORS Committee members, comprising a diverse group of employee peers, review the nominations and score them using criteria that align with the Department's mission and values.

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